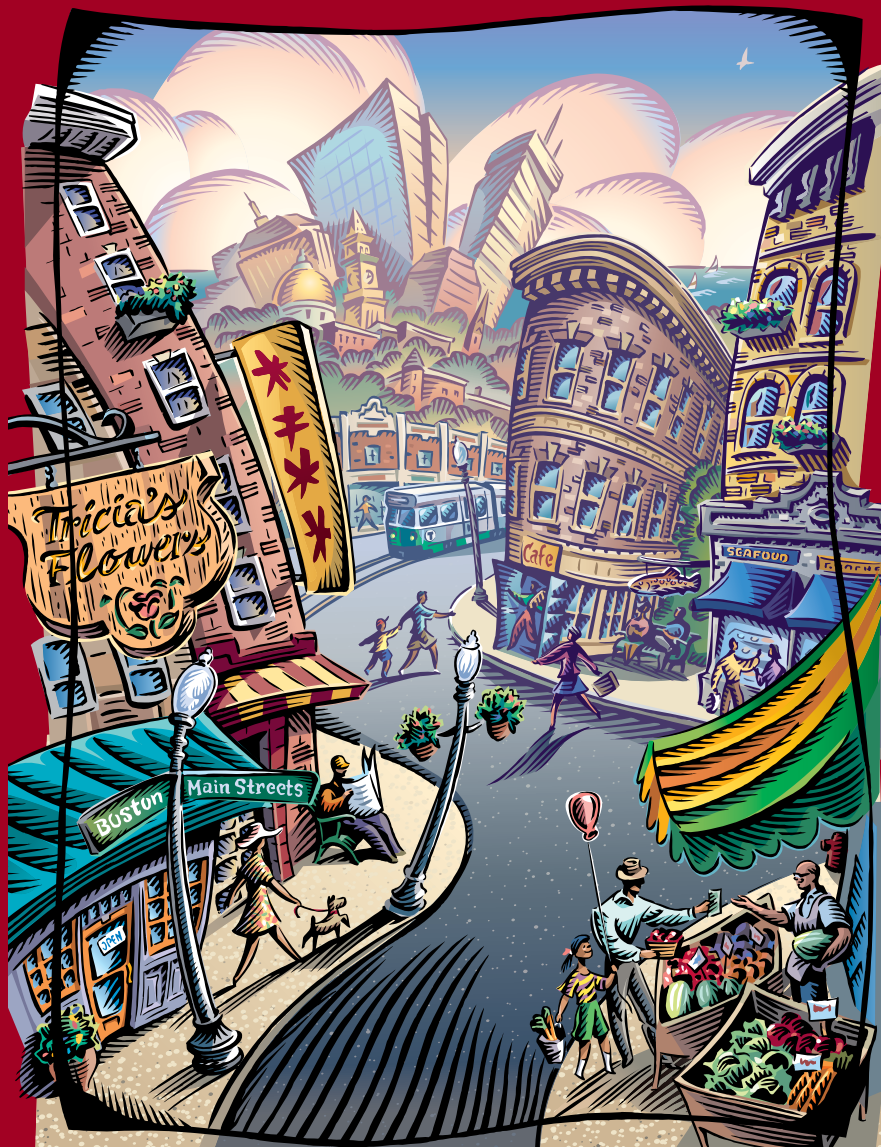


Discover Boston

On Main Streets



beyond baked beans

Letter from the Mayor



Dear Friends

Each year Boston attracts thousands of visitors from around the world. They come to walk the Freedom Trail, to see a game at Fenway Park, and to dine on old-world fare. Yet there is so much more to Boston than the “Beantown” of the tourist guidebooks.

The Boston of today is rich in its diversity of people. It is a city of neighborhoods that have steadily evolved with each successive generation of new Bostonians, contributing new cultural elements that continue to shape the city’s landscape and traditions.

This is a guide to Boston Main Streets – small business districts that are the anchors of our neighborhoods, and the showcase of city life. These communities are filled with a vast array of historic sites, ethnic restaurants, and unique shops for you to enjoy.

Whether you are coming from across the country or across the street, I invite you to explore our neighborhoods, meet our residents, and discover the Boston “Beyond Baked Beans!”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Thomas M. Menino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

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The Real Beantown

Beyond Baked Beans: A Nineteen-Course Meal

While the Hub has long been famous for its Boston Baked Beans, there are numerous other legume dishes from around the globe simmering on restaurant stoves throughout the city. Visit Boston Main Streets for a nineteen-course meal – from appetizers to dessert – each with a different bean dish.

The Real Beantown

Allston Village	Red bean paste pastries
Bowdoin/Geneva	Beans and rice
Brighton	Irish breakfast beans
Chinatown	Spicy green beans
Dudley Square	Black eyed peas
East Boston	Pasta fagirole
Egleston Square	Frijoles negros
Fields Corner	Vietnamese bean milkshake
Four Corners	Maiz & pois
Grove Hall	Muslim navy bean pie
Hyde/Jackson Square	Cuban black beans & rice with ropa vieja
Hyde Park	Vanilla bean ice cream
JP Centre/South	BBQ & beans
Mission Hill	Bangers and beans
Roslindale Village	Hummus roll-up
St. Mark's Area	Beer nuts
Upham's Corner	Soulful beans
Washington Gateway	Peanut noodles
West Roxbury	Garlic green beans



Take a day – or two or three – and get to know that the real “Beantown” is more than a single dish. Turn to individual Boston Main Streets district’s pages for a description of each neighborhood, its restaurants, places of interest, and directions on how to get there. Discover Boston on Main Streets!

Allston Village

Whether you're looking for pho or faux, fish or Phish, salons or cilantro, you'll find it all in Allston Village. Discover more than 300 businesses, featuring some of the most unusual gifts in Greater Boston, from henna tattoos to cockatoos, as well as affordable home furnishings, gourmet markets, award-winning dining and lively entertainment.



After a day of shopping and dining, stay in the district into the evening where you can visit Allston's many clubs, pubs, billiard halls and dessert emporiums. Find it all at www.allstonvillage.com.

It's *all* in Allston!

Dining & Food

More than 50 restaurants, featuring cuisine from Brazil, India, China, Colombia, Greece, Italy, Japan, Korea, Russia, U.S., Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Lebanon, Vietnam, and more.



Directions

By MBTA: Green Line ("B"—Boston College) past Boston University to Harvard Avenue.

By Car: From downtown, take Commonwealth Avenue west to Harvard Avenue.

Sights to See

Allston Depot

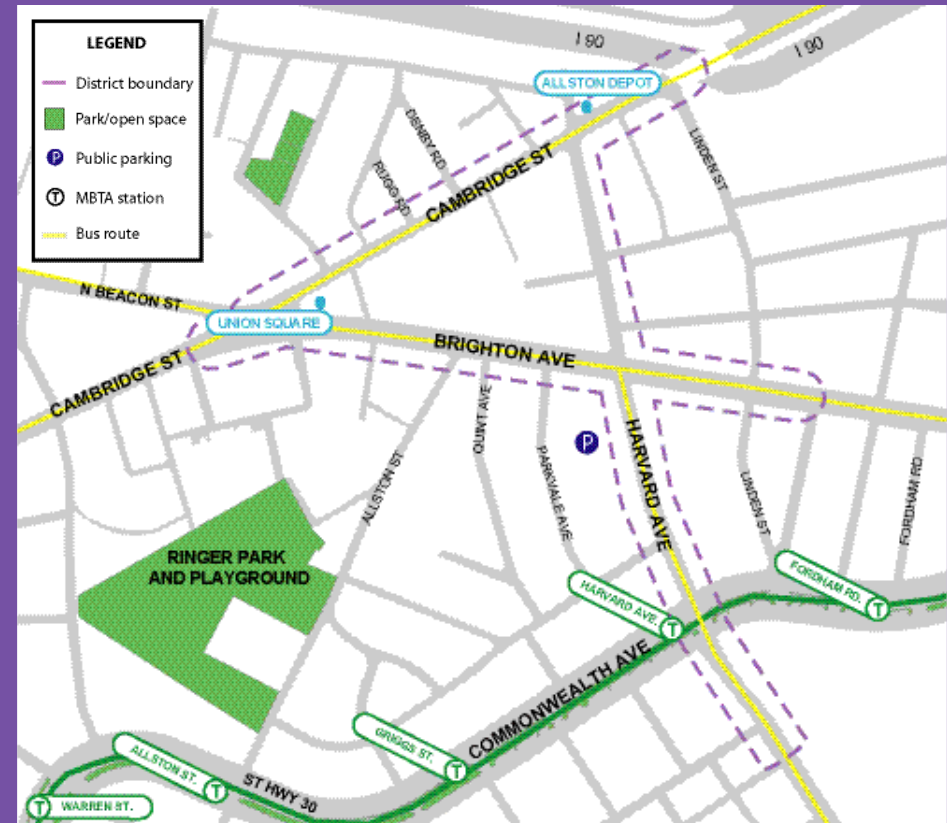
Now home to Captain Fishbone's, the landmark Allston Depot was built in 1887 by the firm of H. H. Richardson, architect of Trinity Church in Copley Square.

Union Square Park

This memorial statue and park commemorate the Hanoville Veterans of the World Wars.

Ringer Park and Playground

A real neighborhood playground, Ringer Park hosts a range of activities that include dog training classes, Tai Chi, tennis and baseball.



Allston Village Main Streets

Bowdoin/Geneva

Located in Meeting House Hill, one of the oldest sections of Dorchester, the area dates back to Boston's first settlement in 1630.

The neighborhood is now home to many new Bostonians. Bowdoin/Geneva's businesses represent all generations of Dorchester residents past and present, from Caribbean restaurants to a 50 year-old hardware store.

Discover some of the best ethnic restaurants and food shops in Boston.

In August look for the annual Ronan Park Multicultural Festival which brings people of all ages together with local food, bands, and performances.



Dining & Food

Area restaurants and markets include Cape Verdean, Jamaican, Dominican, West Indian, Chinese, and classic American foods.



Directions

By MBTA: Red Line to Fields Corner Station. From Fields Corner take the #17 bus to Bowdoin Street. Or, Orange Line to Ruggles Station. From Ruggles take the #19 bus to Geneva Avenue and Bowdoin Street. Walk .25 miles down Bowdoin Street.

By Car: From I-93, take Columbia Road exit, Follow Columbia Road to Upham's Corner. At the Strand Theater, turn left onto Hancock Street, bear right onto Bowdoin Street. At the first traffic light, Saint Peter's Church will be on the left.

Sights to See

First Parish Church,

Built in the early 1700's, this was the first meeting house in Boston. It continues to serve as a gathering place today. The area is known as Meeting House Hill.

Mather School

Located behind First Parish Church, the Mather School was the first public elementary school in the country.

Reverend Allen Park

Originally Dorchester Common during the area's first settlement, the park contains a monument to soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

Ronan Park

Ronan Park's 11.65 acres of land is perched on the peak of Meeting House Hill and has spectacular views of the Boston Harbor and Dorchester Bay. The site was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and was comprised of two grand family estates. In 1912 it was turned into a public park when the City of Boston acquired the land.

Saint Peter's Church

Built in 1872 from the puddingstone on which it rests, St. Peter's Church is a beautiful example of Neo-Gothic architecture.



Bowdoin/Geneva Main Streets

Brighton

Brighton, the western gateway to Boston, is a most inviting neighborhood and home to generations of families, young professionals and immigrants from around the world.

Brighton has a rich history and is well known for its great agricultural and horticultural industries dating back to the early to mid 1700's. General George Washington came to Brighton in 1775 to buy fresh meat for his soldiers. Brighton has received historic district designation and is a showcase to many fine examples of 18th and 19th century architecture.



The Brighton Main Streets district is an attractive, vibrant, and pedestrian friendly shopping area that is welcoming for both residents and visitors alike.

Dining & Food

Brighton features a vast variety of restaurants including fine French, Hungarian, Korean, Greek, Italian, Irish, American, Indian, and Haitian foods. Brighton is also home to many local Irish Pubs as well as a new upscale nightclub that features great food and music.



Sights to See

Brighton Congregational Evangelical Church

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. The original church building, built in 1827, was destroyed in a fire and the existing structure was built in 1921.

Market Street Historic Burial Ground

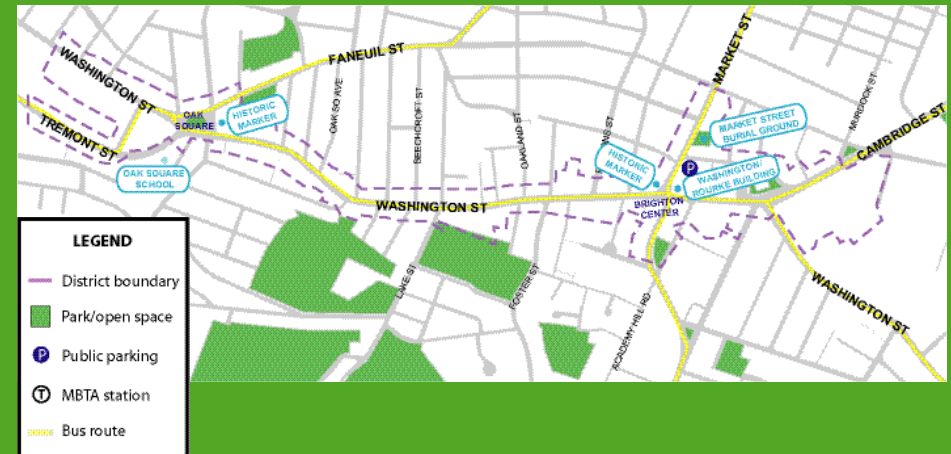
Contact Boston Parks Department at 635-PARK for visiting hours.

Oak Square School

Built in 1894, this Boston landmark is the only wooden schoolhouse remaining in Boston.

Washington/Rourke Building

Erected in 1905, this famous building was completely restored in 2000.



Directions

By MBTA: Green Line to Kenmore Square Station. Take the #57 bus from Kenmore Square to Brighton Center.

By Car: From downtown, take Storrow Drive to Allston/Brighton exit. Follow Cambridge Street to the third light, bear left at Twin Donuts. Cambridge Street becomes Washington Street at Brighton Center. Continue along Washington Street to Oak Square.

Brighton Main Streets

Chinatown

If you are looking for authentic Asian food and retail, Chinatown is the place to go. Asian canned goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, spices, teas, fresh seafood, live lobsters, and meats can be found in Chinatown's many markets. You'll find herbalists selling traditional medicine, and shops with vases, silk dresses, hand-carved chests, intricately embroidered screens, and jade jewelry – a symbol of good luck. Don't miss a chance to sample Dim Sum, meaning "delight your heart," a Cantonese specialty served morning until 3PM.



Located in the heart of Boston, Chinatown is a 5-minute walk from Boston Common, Downtown Crossing, and the Financial District. Chinatown is known throughout New England for its colorful celebrations – *August Moon Festival*, *Chinatown Festival (first Sunday in August)* and *Chinese New Year* among them. Look for Lion Dance parades, food, music, traditional Chinese opera, cultural performances – and firecrackers!

Dining & Food

Chinatown boasts sixty Asian restaurants and nine bakeries serving Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian, Mandarin, and Vietnamese delicacies.



Directions

By MBTA: Orange line to Chinatown Station; Silver line to Chinatown stop; or Green Line to Boylston Street Station and walk one block down Essex Street.

By Car: From downtown follow Boylston Street to Essex Street into Chinatown.

Sights to See

Chinatown Gate

On the eastern end of Beach Street is this classic symbol found in Chinatowns throughout the US. Given by the Taiwanese government to the City in 1982, the gate is inscribed with "Tian Xia Wei Gong," a saying attributed to Sun Yat-sen that translates to "everything under the sky is for the people," and "Li Yi Lian Chi", an ancient Chinese proverb meaning a good person is one who understands "Manner," "Loyalty," "Honesty," and "Shame."

Chinese Tea Balconies

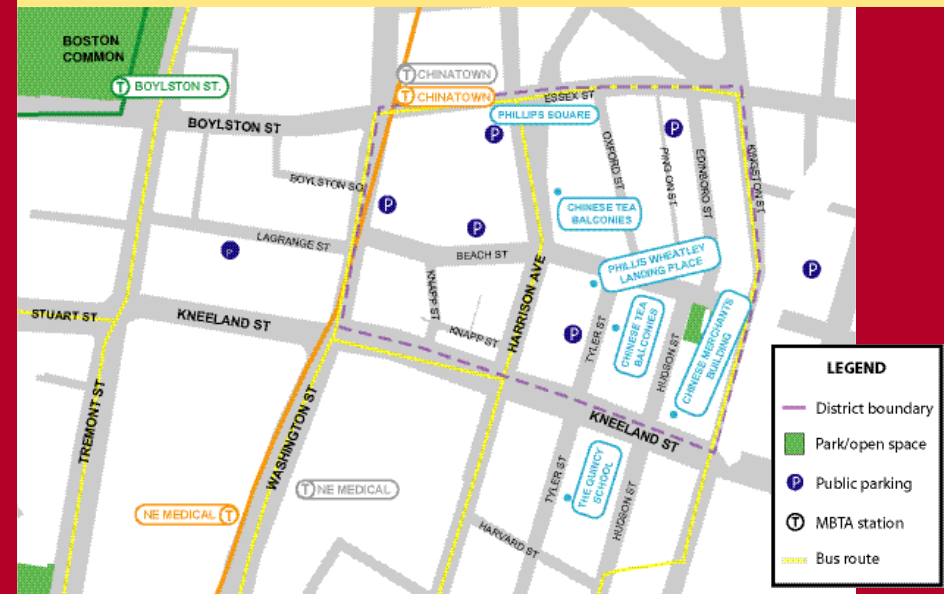
The Chinese Tea Balcony at 36 Harrison Avenue is an architectural remnant of an early Chinese tea-house that was established late in the 19th century.

Phillis Wheatley Landing Place

Before landfill, Beach Street served as the waterfront of South Cove. At this location African American poet Phillis Wheatley, the first African-American to arrive in Boston as a slave, landed in 1761.

The Quincy School

Named after the second mayor of Boston, Josiah Quincy, this was the first school in America to have individually graded classrooms. It now houses the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.



Chinatown Main Street

Dudley Square

From its colonial days as a town and commercial center, Dudley Square's business and residential areas have been an ethnic melting pot of immigrants. Today it is a transportation hub and home to an eclectic mix of incubator businesses, residential lofts, and small-scale retail in renovated National Historic Register properties.



View former Irish and jazz era dance halls frequented by Irish immigrants, Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, and Malcolm X. Explore the Eustis Street Burial Grounds, established in 1630; the historic Dudley MBTA Station; or walk the Lower Roxbury Highland Park Historic Trail. Purchase Afro-centric gifts and books, African instruments, and clothing.



Dining & Food

Enjoy a variety of foods including BBQ, Chinese, seafood, and subs. Shop in markets for sorrel, Spanish apple cider, habanero peppers, or saffron.



Directions

By MBTA: Silver line to Dudley Station. Orange line to Ruggles Station, take bus # 8, 15, 19, 23, 42, 44, 45 or 47. Bus routes to Dudley Station: from Harvard Sq. #1 or 66, Forest Hills or JFK Station #41, and from Waltham #170.

By Car: From downtown, take Washington St. through the South End, across Melnea Cass Blvd into Dudley Square. From I-93, take the Mass Ave Exit to Melnea Cass Blvd., at the fourth light take a left onto Washington St.

Sights to See

Hamill Gallery of African Art

View usable artifacts (tools, chairs, jewelry, masks, door cloths) from all areas in the African continent, some thousands of years old.

The Berwick Institute

Experience performance art from Roxbury artists and the Massachusetts College of Art.

Dudley Station/Silver Line Historic Panels

Nine historic panels in Dudley Station along with others at each stop of the Silver Line transit route will depict different eras of local politicians, transportation, commerce, architecture and community life. (Coming in Fall 2004.)

Lower Roxbury/Highland Park Historic District

Dudley Square, Eustis Street and Highland Park are National Historic Register districts.



Dudley Square Main Streets

East Boston

East Boston is a true gateway to Boston. Visitors arrive by air, water, subway, and car. A waterfront neighborhood, “Eastie” developed through 150 years of filling operations from what once was a series of five islands.

Eastie was home to great ship builders in the 19th century; Donald McKay clipper ships were the fastest in the world. Eastie’s waterfront location made it a major port of entry for immigrants. Grab a deli sandwich and enjoy the best view of Boston’s skyline from Eastie’s waterfront parks.



Today you’ll find contemporary clothing, shoes, antique jewelry, Italian specialty goods and Colombian pastries in Eastie. The neighborhood’s widely recognized restaurants serve a variety of cuisine – sample it all at *A Taste of Eastie* each January.



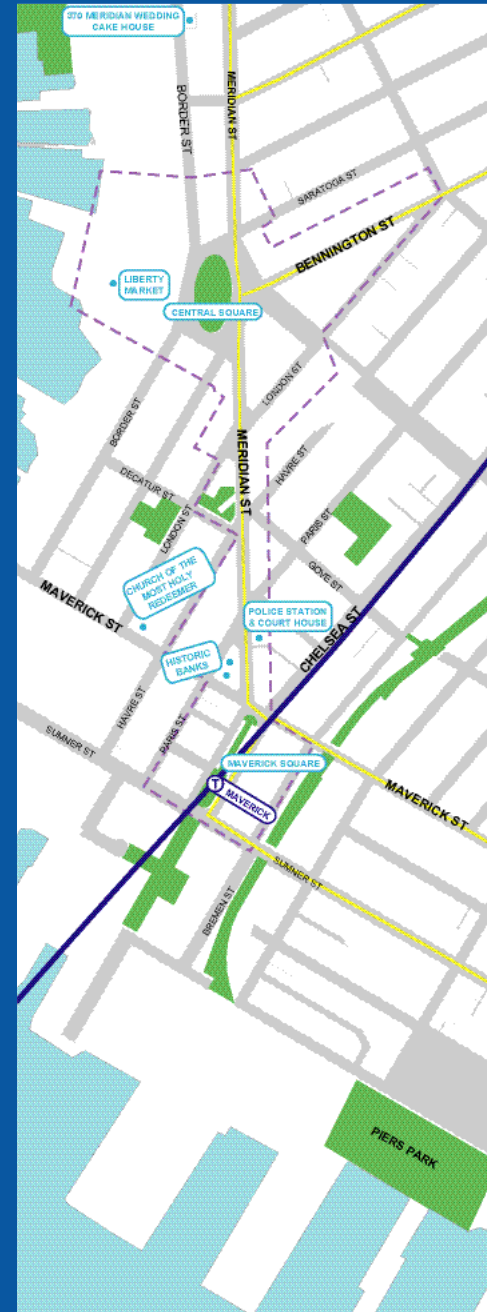
Dining & Food

East Boston is known for cuisine from the many cultures that call it home: Chinese, Colombian, Vietnamese, Italian, and Mexican.



Directions By MBTA: Blue Line to Maverick Square.

By Car: From downtown, take the Callahan Tunnel to the first local exit. Turn right on Bremen Street, follow into Maverick Square.



Sights to See

Church of the Most Holy Redeemer

Built in 1857, it is the first Roman Catholic Parish church to be completed in the Gothic Revival style.

East Boston Savings Bank

One of the city’s oldest community-based banks, East Boston Savings Bank was established in 1848.

Piers Park

Stroll along the paths or enjoy a picnic lunch. This park offers one of the best views of downtown Boston!

Sovereign Bank

An elegant neo-classical building facing Maverick Square.

LEGEND

- District boundary
- Park/open space
- Public parking
- MBTA station
- Bus route

East Boston Main Streets

Egleston Square

Filled with family-owned businesses, Egleston Square is an important part of Boston's Latino community. Visit bodegas and restaurants to sample frituras, arroz con gandules, pastels, turrone and pastries.

Egleston's many industrial buildings remind visitors of the area's manufacturing past and its role in the brewing industry. The nearby Stony Brook, now hidden by the Southwest Corridor Park, was once a source of spring water for the breweries. The 1894 Franklin Brewery building is now home to Larkin Moving, itself in business for over 50 years. To taste a bit of history, visit the nearby Haffenreffer Brewery, which now brews Samuel Adams Beer.



Dining & Food

Egleston restaurants and markets offer Latino, Caribbean and Chinese cuisine, along with pizza, subs and a variety of take-out items.



Directions

By MBTA: Orange Line to Stony Brook Station. Exit left on Boylston Street. Walk five short blocks and turn left onto Washington Street

By Car: From downtown, take Tremont Street which becomes Columbus Avenue. Continue to the intersection of Washington Street.

Sights to See

Doyle's Café,

One of Boston's oldest pubs, it is a longtime favorite of local politicians, with photos of Boston's political history lining the walls. Doyle's is the place to catch the shuttle to Sam Adams Brewery on Saturdays at 1 or 2 p.m.

Franklin Park Zoo and Golf Course

Located near Egleston Square is the Franklin Park Zoo and golf course. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the park is part of Boston's famed Emerald Necklace.

Samuel Adams Brewery

Tours available Thursday through Saturday. The brewery is a short walk from Egleston Square or from Stony Brook Station on the Orange Line. Call for directions and tour information. On Saturdays, catch a shuttle from Doyle's Pub.

Southwest Corridor Park

The Southwest Corridor Park, a bicycle and pedestrian path, connects this part of the city to Copley Square in downtown Boston.



Egleston Square Main Street

Fields Corner

Fields Corner, located on “Dot Ave,” is a vibrant commercial center. One of Dorchester’s largest business districts, it reflects Boston’s late 19th century growth, which was fueled by immigration and access to new housing. Look beyond the shops to find the well-known regional housing type – the “Three-Decker.” Today, Fields Corner is



a diverse community and boasts of having the largest variety of Asian restaurants, goods, and services outside of Chinatown.



Visit avenue shops for jade jewelry, silk dresses, herbs, and Vietnamese groceries, or relax with a cold pint at any of the area’s traditional Irish pubs that line Dorchester Avenue. During summer months, pick up fresh fruits and vegetables at the *Fields Corner Farmers’ Market* at Town Field.

Dining & Food

Restaurants include Vietnamese, Italian, and classic Irish Pubs.



Directions

By MBTA: Red Line (Ashmont train) to Fields Corner Station.

By Car: From downtown, take Tremont St., turn left on Massachusetts Ave. Continue straight to the intersection of Columbia Rd. Turn right on Dorchester Ave.

Sights to See

The Lenane Building

Designed by T. Edward Sheehan and built in 1906, this anchor building was renovated in 1985 as One Fields Corner.

The Municipal Building

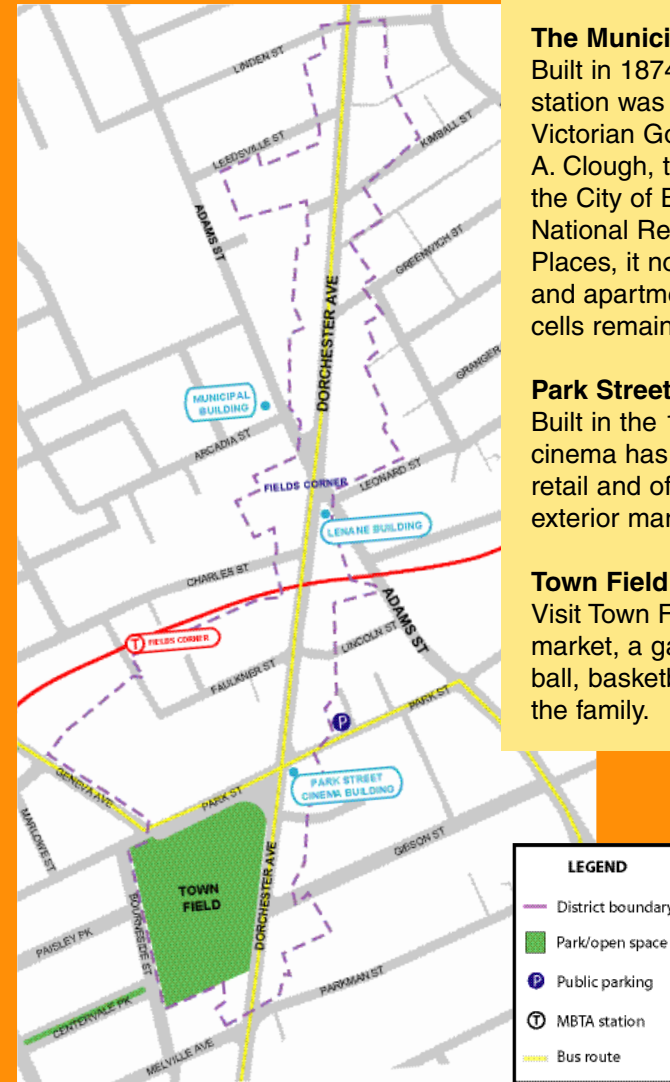
Built in 1874, this former police station was designed in the Victorian Gothic style by George A. Clough, the first architect for the City of Boston. On the National Register of Historic Places, it now houses offices and apartments. The old jail cells remain in the basement.

Park Street Cinema Building

Built in the 1920’s this former cinema has been renovated as retail and office space, and the exterior marquee restored.

Town Field

Visit Town Field for the farmers’ market, a game of softball, baseball, basketball or a fun day with the family.



Fields Corner Main Street

Four Corners

In the early 20th century, Four Corners was Boston's hub for automobile sales and service. Buildings with distinctive car motifs on their facades were scattered throughout the commercial district. Today, Four Corners is an example of Dorchester's evolving demographics. What once was predominately a



Jewish community is now home to primarily African-American, Caribbean and Puerto Rican families. While decades of disinvestment have left their mark on the neighborhood, a substantial number of new homes are being built in Four Corners, and the changes are bringing new investment into the commercial corridor.



Dining & Food

Restaurant flavors include Jamaican cuisine, pizza and subs, and fish and chips. For a delicious treat, enjoy ice cream featuring imported Jamaican flavors.



Directions

By MBTA: Red Line to Ashmont Station, or Orange Line to Ruggles Station. Take the #23 bus from either station to Four Corners. Or take the Red Line to Fields Corner. Exit the station toward Geneva Avenue. Turn right onto Geneva Avenue and walk two blocks. Turn left onto Dakota Street and walk a few blocks up to Washington Street.

By Car: From I-93, take Columbia Road toward Dorchester, approx. 2.5 miles. Turn left at Washington Street. Follow 5 blocks to the intersection of Washington Street, Harvard Street, Bowdoin Street and Bowdoin Avenue.

Sights to See

Ella J. Baker House,

A classic Victorian era house, it is now the home of the Azusa Christian Community Church.

Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church,

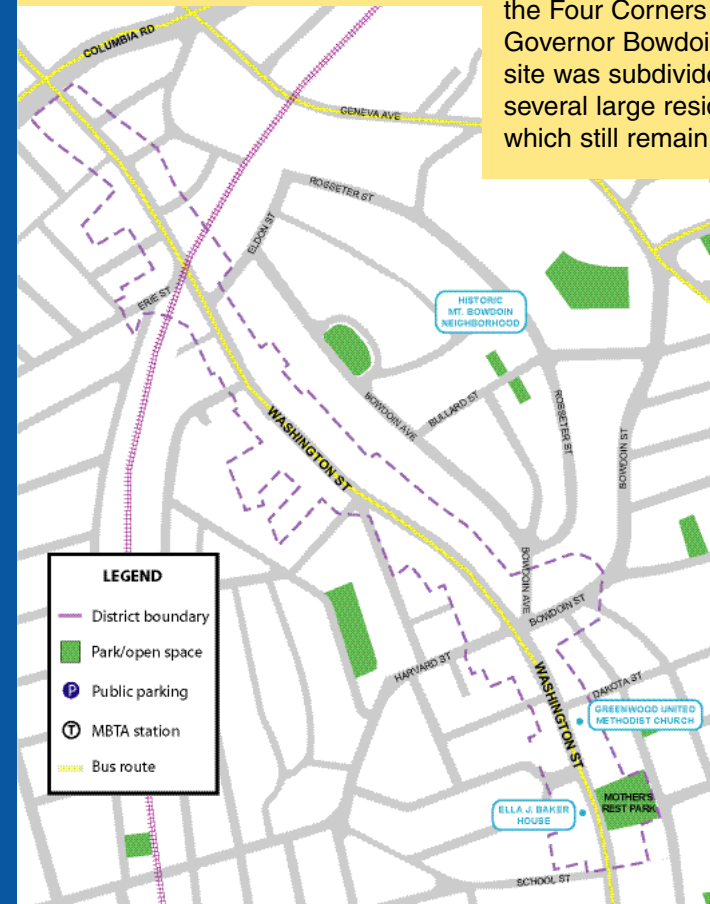
Built in 1900, this church is one of the finest Shingle style structures in Dorchester.

Mother's Rest Park,

Across from the Ella J. Baker House, Mother's Rest Park has spectacular views of downtown Boston. According to neighborhood folklore, this spot was used as a Revolutionary War cannon placement.

Mt. Bowdoin Neighborhood

This is the oldest neighborhood in the Four Corners area. Originally Governor Bowdoin's Estate, the site was subdivided in 1836 into several large residences, most of which still remain.



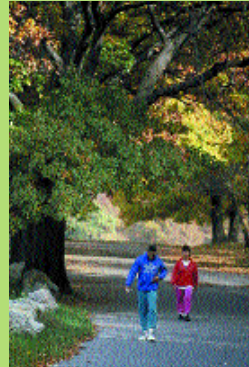
Four Corners Main Street

Grove Hall

At the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue, Washington and Warren Streets, Grove Hall links Dorchester and Roxbury. Residents have been attracted to the area because of its proximity to Franklin Park. Grove Hall's residential and commercial growth increased in 1870 after Dorchester was annexed to Boston, and became the heart of one of the city's busiest commercial streets.



After several changes in the ethnicity of its residents and businesses, the new Grove Hall is a diverse community. Grove Hall Main Streets' aim is to make Blue Hill Avenue Boston's "International Avenue of Color." Through City reinvestment, the neighborhood is again a vibrant commercial center. The new Grove Hall Mecca Mall opened in 2001 and offers a variety of shopping opportunities.



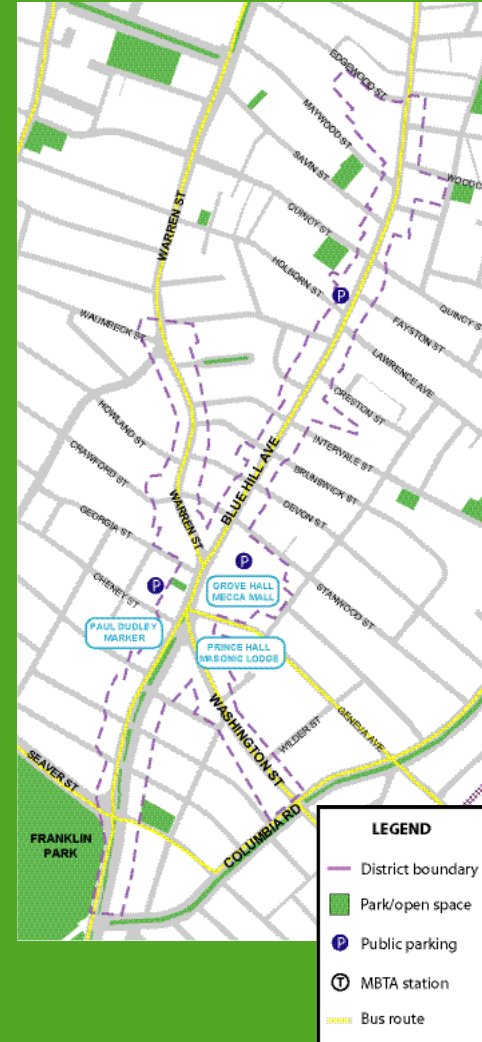
Dining & Food

Try Muslim Navy Bean Pie or enjoy dishes that include barbecue, Caribbean, and good home cooking at restaurants in Grove Hall.



Directions

By MBTA: Orange Line to Ruggles Station, and take the #28, 23 or 19 bus to Grove Hall. Or, Red Line to Ashmont Station take the #23 bus to Grove Hall.



Sights to See

Franklin Park

Boston's historic Franklin Park, long considered the "crown jewel" of Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace Park System draws over 500,000 visitors annually. It hosts events such as the annual *West Indian Carnival*, the *Puerto Rican Festival*, and the *Kite Festival* in May. Within the park is **Franklin Park Zoo**, home to more than 1,100 individual animals, representing 220 species; and the **William Devine Golf Course**, the city's oldest public golf course.

Paul Dudley Marker

The Dudley Marker was one of nine such markers that measured the distance to Boston in colonial times.

Prince Hall Masonic Lodge

Founded in 1787 by Prince Hall, it was the first African Lodge of Masons in the United States. Prince Hall is one of the few lodges that still possess its original Royal Charter.

By Car: From I-93, take the Columbia Road exit. Follow Columbia Road, bearing to the left at the 2nd full set of lights. Continue straight to the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue. The entrance to Franklin Park will be in front of you – this is the beginning of the Grove Hall Main Streets District. Turn right on Blue Hill Avenue. At the second light you will be in Grove Hall.

Grove Hall Main Street

Hyde/Jackson

Funky, authentic, and alive, you can sense the pride of this vibrant community in the inviting smells of local restaurants and the “soundtrack of the street”—characterized by merengue music, African rhythms, and greetings in Spanish and English. Practice your Spanish, sample authentic Latin and Caribbean food, and shop for guayaberas or that special Salsa CD.



From batidos to beer, custom tattoos to custom-made wedding gowns, this dynamic multi-cultural community will embrace your journey through its many eclectic stores and restaurants. Enjoy fresh squeezed sugar-cane juice, papayas, and fruits from the Caribbean at an outdoor fruit stand open during the warmer months. Bowl a string at the local bowling lounge. On the second Sunday of September attend the *Jamaica Plain World's Fair* to sample a little bit of everything that Hyde/Jackson Square has to offer.

Dining & Food

Enjoy gingerbread pancakes at one of Boston's oldest brunch spots, try a Salvadorian pupusa for lunch, or pick up cut-to-order barbeque at the local butcher shop. Seventeen restaurants, including Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Salvadoran, Chinese, and American await the hungry diner.



Directions

By MBTA: Orange Line to Jackson Square Station - turn right out of the station and walk up Centre Street. Orange Line to Stony Brook Station, turn right out of the station and walk up Boylston Street to Centre Street. #39 Bus from Copley exit Perkins Street.

Sights to See

Blessed Sacrament Church

Built in 1913 in the Neo-Romanesque style, this historic structure has dominated the neighborhood skyline for more than one hundred years.

Paul Dudley Marker

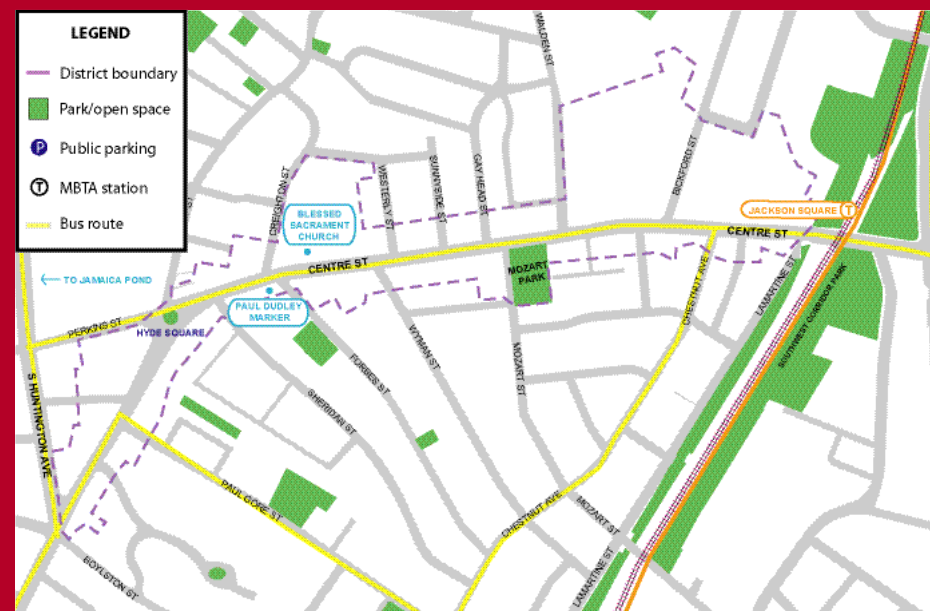
Now in the foundation wall of Rocky's Barber Shop, the Dudley Marker was one of nine such markers that measured the distance to Boston in colonial times.

Jamaica Pond

A few blocks from Hyde/Jackson, the pond is part of the Emerald Necklace, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Walk the banks or take a boat ride!

Mozart Park

Meet Madego who sells flavored ices and empanadas from his pushcart while enjoying an afternoon of people-watching or an evening at Mozart Park's summer family nights.



By Car: From downtown, take Tremont Street straight, it will become Columbus Avenue. Continue straight. At the Jackson Square station, turn right onto Centre Street.

Hyde/Jackson Main Street

Hyde Park

You've seen the famous Shaw memorial on Beacon Hill. Now visit the site where the legendary Massachusetts 54th regiment trained and began their march to the Civil War, depicted in the film "Glory."

Two squares comprise the center of Hyde Park: Logan and Cleary. You'll find local "Hyde Parkers" at the many new and established meeting places.

See a show at the local community theatre, or bowl a string or two at a popular neighborhood spot. Stop by the mural in the park on River Street, which depicts a cast of community members along with the neighborhood's most famous resident – Mayor Thomas M. Menino – leading the Hyde Park Parade.



Dining & Food

Hyde Park's restaurants are neighborhood meeting spots, with such offerings as all-day breakfast served at an old fashioned marble counter top to the warm and aromatic atmosphere of the local taqueira. Enjoy an evening out with wood-grilled seafood at our newest restaurant before taking in a play at the local theatre.



Directions By MBTA: Orange Line to Forest Hills Station. Take the #50 bus to Cleary Square. By commuter rail from South Station, both the Attleboro-Stoughton and the Fairmount lines stop in Hyde Park.

By Car: From downtown, take Storrow Drive to Fenway exit. Follow the Jamaicaway to the Arborway. Exit at Forest Hills, turn right on Washington Street. After passing Forest Hills T Station, turn left on Ukraine Street; then turn right on Hyde Park Avenue. Follow straight to Cleary Square.

Sights to See

Christ Church

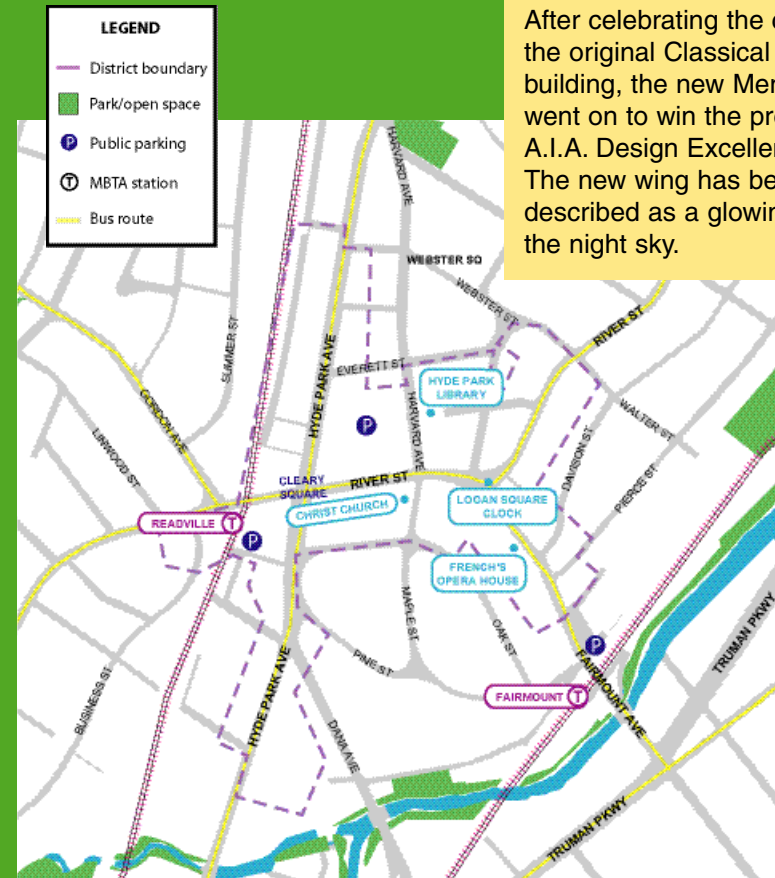
On the National Register of Historic Buildings, this late-Gothic style Quincy granite structure was designed by nationally known architect Ralph Adams Cram, architect of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York and recently restored by a *Historic Boston Steeples* grant.

Historic French's Opera House,

Built in 1897, the opera house is now home to Riverside Theatre Works and the Dance Academy. A unique community feature with a regular schedule of professional shows and musicals, many of the cast members have gone on to careers on Broadway.

Hyde Park Branch Library of the Boston Public Library,

After celebrating the centennial of the original Classical Revival building, the new Menino Wing went on to win the prestigious A.I.A. Design Excellence Award. The new wing has been described as a glowing lantern in the night sky.



Hyde Park Main Streets

JP Centre/South

Home to artists, writers, musicians and activists, the JP Centre and South Streets commercial district reflects the many cultures that call this community home. A walk down Centre and South Streets reveals fine and casual dining from around the world. The diversity of food is matched by the shopping: find everything from funky housewares, clothes and jewelry to kitchen goods and all-natural pet supplies.



Part of Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace surrounds the shopping district – visit Jamaica Pond, the Arnold Arboretum, and Franklin Park. Stroll through beautiful residential neighborhoods on either side of the commercial district. Find innovative examples of commercial property reuse, as well as fine residential homes in the Gothic, Victorian, Italianate styles. Many homes still retain their original barns and architectural features.

Dining & Food

Literally eat your way around the world on Centre and South. Visitors will delight in the great pub scene, and restaurants including Cambodian, Japanese, Thai, Indian, Mexican, Chinese, Greek, Dominican, and Italian. The district boasts one of Boston's only authentic Asian tea houses and two landmark ice cream shops!



Directions

By MBTA: Orange Line to: Stony Brook and walk up Boylston Street (for upper Centre Street); Green Street and walk up Green Street to Centre (for central JP Centre/South); or Forest Hills and walk up South Street for the South Street shops, restaurants, and Monument Area.

By Bus: The # 38, 39, 41, 42, and 48 all stop throughout JP Centre/South.

Sights to See

Emerald Necklace Parks

Jamaica Pond, Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park Zoo.

1800's Fire Station

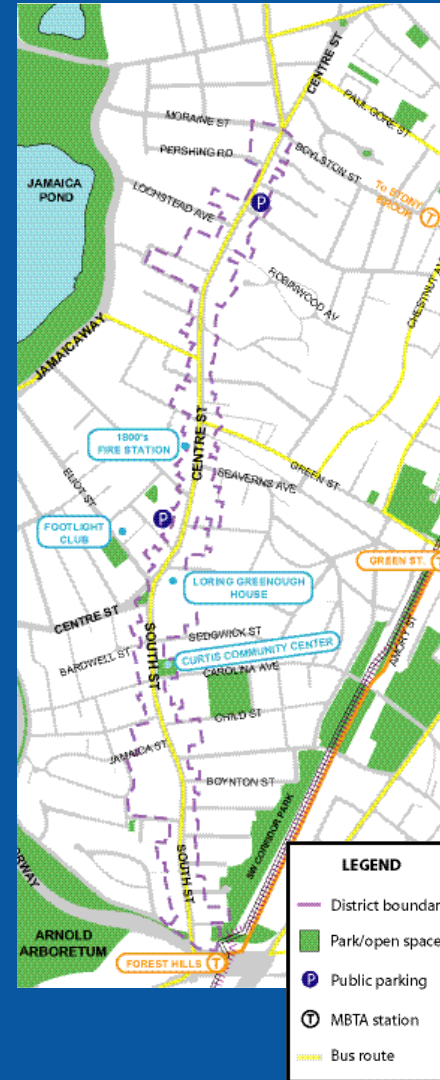
Admire the innovative reuse of an 1800's fire station from the days of horse-drawn engines, now home to JP Licks.

Footlight Club

America's oldest community theater, continuously hosting shows since 1877.

Loring-Greenough House

Built as a country estate and farmstead by Commodore Joshua Loring in 1760, the Loring Home served as a commissary, hospital and headquarters for colonial troops during the American Revolution. The home and grounds became a museum and protected historic site in the 1920s – a unique opportunity to view historic Colonial, Federalist, Victorian, and industrial age architecture and material culture in one building.



By Car: From downtown, take Storrow Drive to the Fenway exit. Follow the Jamaica Way to the Arborway, and exit left on any street to intersect Centre and South Streets. Free parking is available on any part of Centre and South Streets, as well as major public lots off of Centre Street. Low cost parking is also available at any of the Orange Line T stops.

Mission Hill

Stroll along Tremont Street and Huntington Avenue and lunch at one of several cafes and small restaurants. Visit Mission Church, officially named the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, built of locally quarried puddingstone. Look for a chance to hear the world famous organ in this Boston landmark. Sheehy Park next to the church offers a view of the Boston skyline, and from the top of Mission Hill one

can enjoy a breathtaking panorama of downtown Boston, Boston Harbor, and the Blue Hills.

Mission Hill is only a short walk from many of Boston's fine art museums and art schools. View artwork on display at the Museum of Fine Art, the Museum School, and the Massachusetts College of Art.



Dining & Food

Restaurants offer gourmet pizza or southern fare; Latin food, Chinese food, or Texas BBQ; sandwich, doughnut, and pizza shops. Venues include sit down or take out and range from Irish pubs to an outdoor patio.



Directions

By MBTA: Green Line (E train) to Brigham Circle; or the Orange Line to Roxbury Crossing, and turn left as you exit the station, walking up Tremont Street. The #39 bus from Back Bay Station stops at the MFA, Mass College of Art, and Brigham Circle; the #66 from Harvard Sq. to Dudley Station stops in Brigham Circle and in front of Mission Church.

Sights to See

Boston's Art Museums

Huntington Avenue area, Avenue of the Arts. Located on the eastern edge of the Mission Hill Main Streets district, the *Boston Museum of Fine Arts* and *Museum School*, the *Gardner Museum* and *Massachusetts College of Art* galleries are all easily reached on foot or by T (Green Line "E" train).

Mission Church

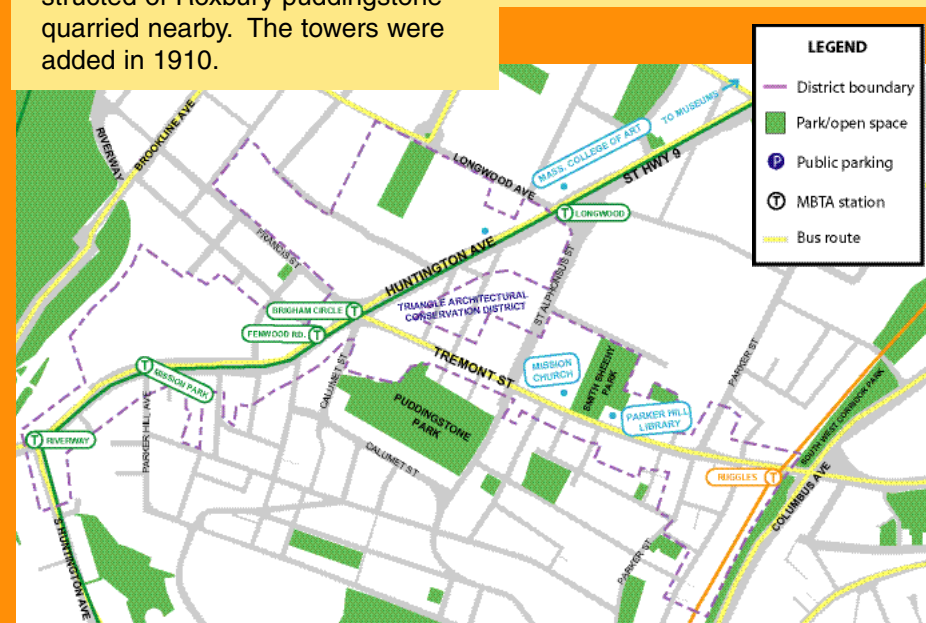
Built in 1876, in the Romanesque Revival Style, the church is constructed of Roxbury puddingstone quarried nearby. The towers were added in 1910.

Parker Hill Branch Library

Designed by Ralph Adams Cram and built in 1930, this branch of the Boston Public Library features an elegant entrance panel with a carved seal of the City of Boston.

Triangle Architectural Conservation District

Comprised of 71 buildings along Worthington Street, Tremont Street and Huntington Avenue, the district exemplifies the development of Mission Hill from 1870 to 1910.



By Car: From downtown, drive south from Boston on Huntington Avenue to Tremont Street and Brigham Circle.

By the Southwest Corridor Park bike-path: Head west on Tremont Street at the Roxbury Crossing T Station.

Mission Hill Main Streets

Roslindale Village

Roslindale was annexed to Boston in 1873 as one of the city's emerging street-car suburbs. Surrounding the beautifully landscaped Adams Park, Roslindale Village offers visitors and residents a casual and diverse shopping experience. Arrive by foot, car, bus or commuter rail – just 12 minutes from downtown Boston!



Gourmet restaurants, tree-shaded parks and a diverse mix of shops make this neighborhood a hidden gem. Bring your shopping list to the district's delightful stores where you'll find fine clothing, jewelry, books, unique home furnishings, and an art gallery. The district boasts six bakeries offering a wide variety of breads, pastries, cakes and ethnic specialty items. End your day of shopping at one of the district's trendy restaurants. Visit www.roslindale.net to find out more.



Dining & Food

Twenty restaurants and bakeries including Chinese, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Spanish, classic American, pizza and subs, and coffee shops. Plus a variety of markets offer imported goods, such as Mediterranean specialties.



Directions

By MBTA: Orange Line to Forest Hills Station. Take #34, 35, 36, or 37 bus to Roslindale Village. By Commuter Rail, take the Needham Line from Back Bay Station to Roslindale Village.

By Car: From downtown, take Storrow Drive to the Fenway exit. Follow the Jamaica Way to the Arborway, exit at Forest Hills. Turn right on Washington Street, follow straight into Roslindale Village.

Sights to See

Adams Park

Named after Irving W. Adams, the first man from Massachusetts killed in action during World War I, Adams Park is used year round for picnics, festivals, holiday events and summer concerts.

Arnold Arboretum

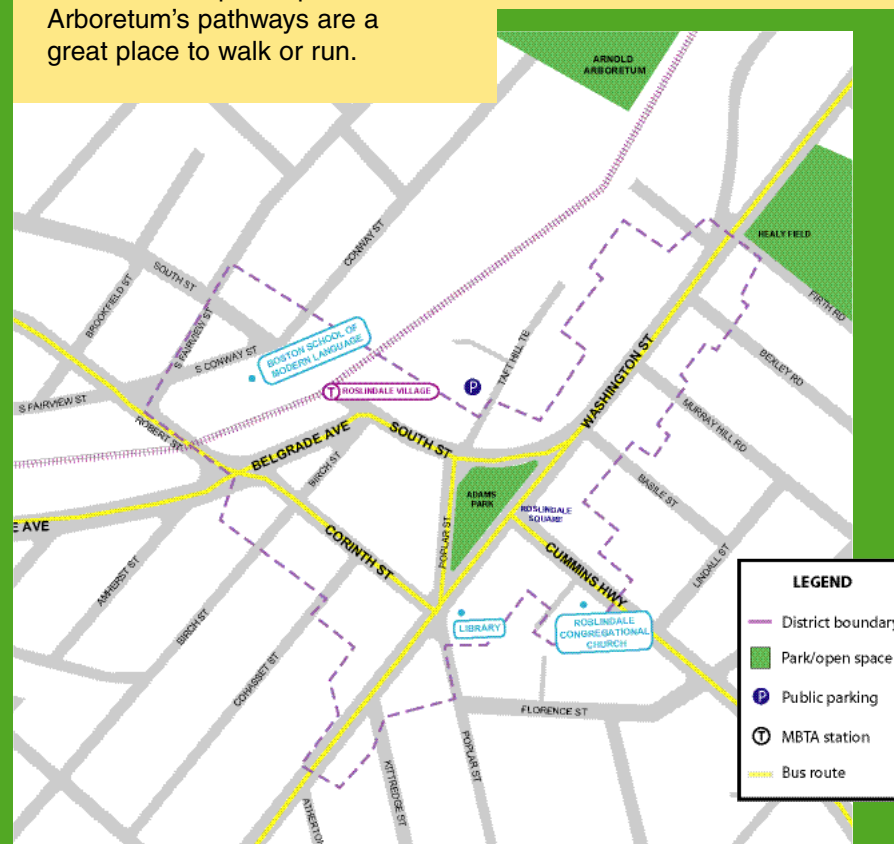
Established in 1872 and maintained by Harvard University, this 265-acre park contains a collection of 15,000 plant species. The Arboretum's pathways are a great place to walk or run.

Roslindale Branch Library

Designed by Isadora Richmond and Carney Goldberg in 1961, this branch of the Boston Public Library features dramatically curved walls and expanses of plate glass windows.

Roslindale Congregational Church

James Murray built this historic shingle-style church in 1896.



Roslindale Village Main Street

St. Mark's Area

St. Mark's Area stretches along Dorchester Avenue, and takes its name, like many Dorchester neighborhoods, from the local parish church. In the center of the district, you'll find the Peabody Square Clock, a historic landmark for the community.

Residents and visitors alike will enjoy annual events in this spirited community. Each spring and summer the *Dorchester Day Parade* and the *Wainwright Park Festival* delight participants of all ages. Learn Cape Verdean crafts,



sing in a gospel chorus, or master the art of Irish step dancing. Scour Dorchester Avenue for hidden treasures in the Dot Ave. Scavenger Hunt. St. Mark's has 80 businesses and more than 40 community organizations. It's time to rediscover the St. Mark's area, a great place to live and work!



Dining & Food

Enjoy a variety of take-out foods including Chinese, pizza, and subs. The area offers a Vietnamese market as well as imported Irish specialties.



Directions

By MBTA: Red Line to Ashmont Station. The district stretches north on Dorchester Avenue for about one mile from the station, ending at Melville Avenue.

Sights to See

All Saints Episcopal Church

Built in the early 1800's in the late Victorian Gothic Style.

O'Brien's Market

The first commercial building in Peabody Square built in 1884 under the name "Jacques Market."

Peabody Clock

This four-faced clock was erected in 1909. A creation of William Downes Austin of Boston, it is the only architect-designed clock still standing in Boston. It is located in historic Peabody Square which was the center of 19th century commerce.

St. Mark's Church

Built in 1905 this late Victorian Gothic Style church has been part of neighborhood life for over 98 years.



By Car: From downtown, take I-93 South to Exit 11B, Granite Avenue/Ashmont. Go straight to second set of traffic lights. Turn left onto Gallivan Boulevard. Turn right at the second set of lights onto Dorchester Avenue. The district begins at the intersection of Dorchester Ave. and Mercier Ave. (just south of Ashmont Station) and continues north on Dorchester Ave. for about one mile to Melville Ave.

St. Mark's Area Main Street

Upham's Corner

One of the city's most diverse areas, Upham's Corner is an anchor to Boston's Dorchester neighborhood.

Columbia Road was once named Boston Road, with Upham's Corner as the mid-point connecting Franklin Park with Castle Island. The historic Strand Theatre, the cornerstone of Upham's Corner, features cultural events and performances throughout the year.



While visiting the area, stop by at some of the stores of Upham's Corner to find unique gifts and foods. This commercial crossroads draws people from all over the metro region for Latin and Caribbean foods – including over 40 varieties of rice!

Dining & Food

Dining options include southern soul food cuisine as well as several ethnic restaurants including Chinese, Greek, and Italian. A large grocery store features Latin and Caribbean specialities.



Directions

By MBTA: Red Line to Andrew Square Station, take the #17 bus to Upham's Corner. Or, Orange Line to Ruggles Station, take the #15 bus to Upham's Corner.

By Car: From downtown, take I-93 to exit 15 for Columbia Road. Follow Columbia Road west to Dudley Street in Upham's Corner.

Sights to See

Upham's Market Building

This building was once Cerfino's Market, the oldest and largest urban supermarket in the country. It is now home to residential and retail space.

Columbia Square Building

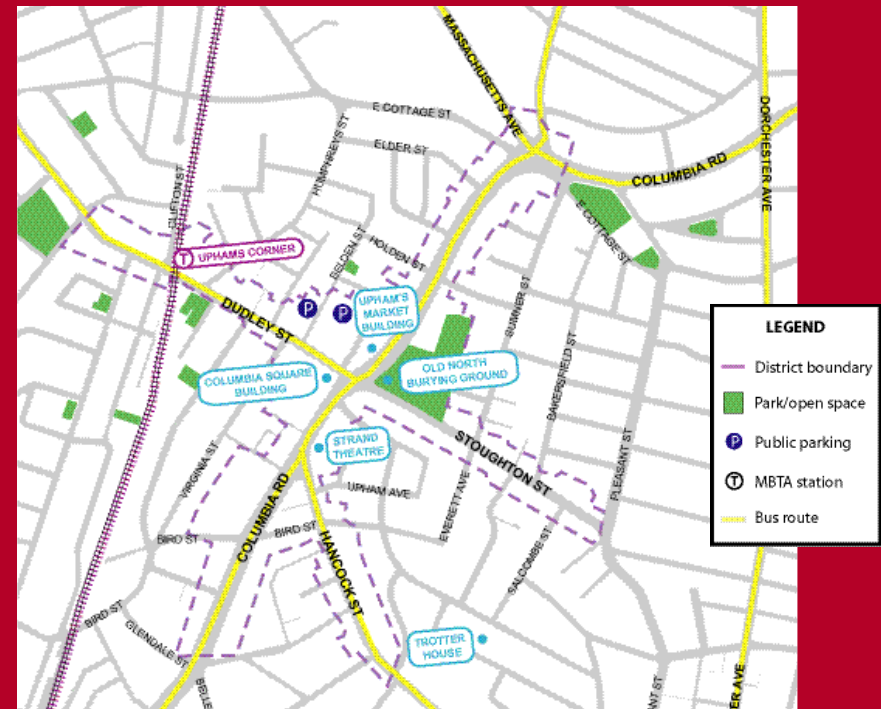
Upham's Corner derives its name from this building, formerly called the Upham Building. This structure marks the site of the 1802 general store owned by Amos Upham, and it remains the cornerstone of this thriving shopping district.

Old North Burying Ground

Established in 1634, the Old North Burying Ground is one of the oldest cemeteries in the city. For information and guided tours contact the Boston Parks Department.

Trotter House

The William Monroe Trotter House is on the National Register of Historic Places. Trotter was an important voice in the African-American community, and founded *The Guardian* newspaper and the Boston Equal Rights League.



Upham's Corner Main Street

Washington Gateway

Washington Gateway, South End/Lower Roxbury, is a unique shopping and dining destination. Only a ten minute ride from downtown, you'll find a world of contrasts. Experience ethnic restaurants and cafes, art galleries, and one of kind shops and boutiques. Historic squares, tree lined brick sidewalks and the largest collection of Victorian townhouses in the US, are accented with artists' lofts and innovative new residences.

Gateway's array of eclectic home furnishing stores offer European glass and giftware, antique furniture, and contemporary accessories. Step into resale shops for great buys on jewelry, collectibles and clothing, or browse to your heart's delight in an uncommon general store. Explore two of the largest Asian grocery/gift stores in New England. After shopping, enjoy a massage or savor the flavors of home cooked or stylish bistro dishes at some of the top restaurants in town.



Dining & Food

Dine at a dozen restaurants including French Vietnamese, Mediterranean-bistro, Asian, American-bistro, and American "feel-good" food, as well as bakeries, pizza, hot dog and sandwich shops. Shop at an urban market, wine store, spanish bodega and Asian grocery stores.



Sights to See

Blackstone & Franklin Squares
Bisected by Washington Street, these Victorian parks were originally laid out by Charles Bullfinch and feature matching fountains.

Cathedral of the Holy Cross
Dedicated in 1875, this Neo-Gothic structure is nearly as large as Notre Dame in Paris and contains New England's largest and earliest collection of stained glass windows. It is the center of Boston's Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

Urban Trail Historic Walking Tour

Thirty-two display panels on the Silver Line's kiosks and eight sidewalk medallions provide a walking tour in text and photos of the evolution of an urban neighborhood. (In the Fall 2004)

SOWA Artist Warehouse District
A block east of Washington Street lies the SOWA District, one of the most vibrant artist communities in the city where artists' lofts and galleries abound.



Directions

By MBTA: Silver Line from Downtown Crossing/Temple Place. State-of-the-art rapid transit articulated buses run the length of the Washington Gateway district to Dudley Square in Roxbury.

By Car: From downtown, take I-93 South to the Mass Pike/Albany St. exit. Stay left onto Albany St. At the second light, take a right onto East Berkeley Street. At the second set of lights take a left onto Washington St.

Washington Gateway Main Street

West Roxbury

At West Roxbury's gateways – Centre Street and Spring Street – visitors are welcomed to a neighborhood shopping district lined with local restaurants and small, independent shops. Discover boutiques selling one-of-a-kind treasures and a toy store selling games to rival the big chains. Need some exercise? Bowl a string, relax with yoga, or take a martial arts or fitness class.



The neighborhood's tree-lined streets and mostly single-family homes give it a suburban feel in an urban setting. Life in the neighborhood centers on political and civic activism as well as school activities and youth athletic leagues.



Dining & Food

More than 20 restaurants and coffee shops including American, Chinese, Irish pub, Italian, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and Thai cuisine.



Directions

By Commuter Rail: Take the Needham Line outbound from South Station or Back Bay Station to Bellevue, Highland, or West Roxbury Station.

By MBTA: Orange Line outbound to Forest Hills Station. Take #35, 36, or 37 bus to Centre Street. Take #36 bus to Spring Street/Millennium Park.

By Car: From downtown, take Storrow Drive west to the Fenway exit. Follow Boylston Street to the Riverway, continue onto the Jamaicaaway. Exit at second rotary after the Jamaica Pond onto Centre Street and follow straight into West Roxbury.

Sights to See

Millennium Park

The largest park in the City of Boston was created in 2000 on top of the Gardner Street landfill. With its three large fields, playground, expansive nature trails, and boat launch at the Charles River, this park is used year round for organized and casual sports and recreation.

Theodore Parker Church

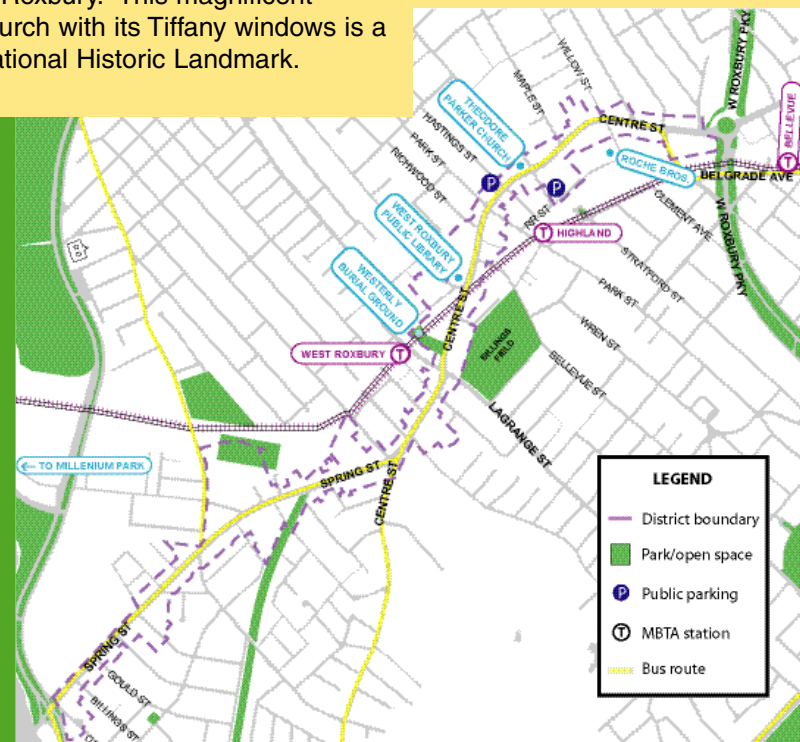
Completed in 1899, it was home to the Second Church of Roxbury, established in 1733. From 1837 - 1846, abolitionist Theodore Parker was Pastor of the Second Church of Roxbury. This magnificent church with its Tiffany windows is a National Historic Landmark.

West Roxbury Branch Library

This branch of the Boston Public Library was established as a full branch in 1896. The current structure was built in 1922, with an addition completed in 1989.

Westerly Burial Ground

Established in 1683, this cemetery, is home to eight Revolutionary War veterans and fifteen Civil War veterans. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, the site is significant for its large collection of three centuries of funerary art.



West Roxbury Main Streets

Boston Main Streets

Boston Main Streets is a public-private initiative of the City of Boston, established in 1995 to revitalize neighborhood commercial districts through local organizations. Main Streets is a comprehensive approach to providing merchant groups and community residents with the tools and information necessary for their commercial centers to compete in today's marketplace. The program's areas of work – organization, promotion, physical improvement and economic restructuring – help Main Streets districts capitalize on their unique historical, cultural, and architectural assets, while addressing the economic development needs around business retention, growth, and recruitment.

The Boston Main Streets program is funded through the City of Boston, the Boston business community, and the local fundraising efforts of merchants and residents in each neighborhood.

For more information about the Boston Main Streets program, or to find out how to join the effort in your neighborhood, please contact:

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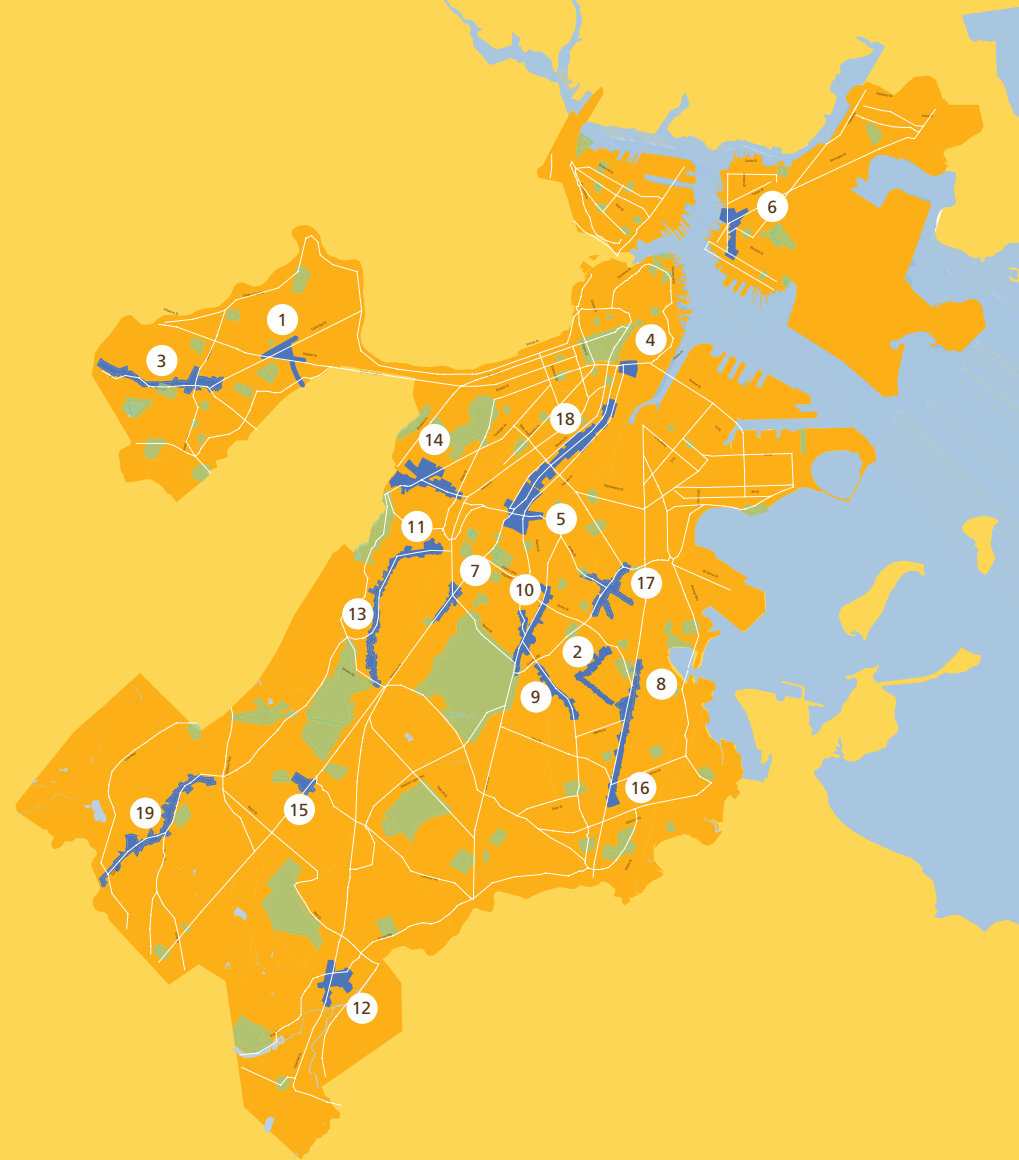
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WE'RE SPILLING THE BEANS...

Beyond Baked Beans leads you through the historic and cultural attractions of Boston Main Streets. The name Beantown will take on a whole new meaning when you uncover the many alternatives to the famous old-style baked beans that can be found in Boston's neighborhoods.



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